

**U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
INITIAL POLLUTION REPORT**

**DATE:** April 7, 2003

**SUBJECT:** General Shale Fuel Oil Spill  
Piney Flats, Sullivan County, Tennessee

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**I. BACKGROUND**

LEAD AGENCY:	EPA, Region 4, ERRB 61 Forsyth Street, SW Atlanta, Georgia 30303
NPL:	No
FUNDING:	OPA
LEAD OSC:	Jose Negron

**II SITUATION**

Date of Notification:	April 5, 2003
Date Action Started:	April 5, 2003
Pollutant:	Diesel fuel
Source Identification:	Above ground storage tank

**III ACTIONS TAKEN**

On April 5, 2003, EPA received notification of a diesel spill in Piney Flats, Tennessee. The report indicated that a tank valve was left open on a 10,000 gallon above ground storage tank at the General Shale Company, resulting in a discharge of approximately 4000 gallons of diesel fuel onto land and into Indian Creek. The General Shale Company hired a contractor to manage the containment and recovery of the diesel fuel. OSC Negron was dispatched to the scene to provide assistance and oversight for all operations.

#### **IV FUTURE ACTIONS**

OSC Negrón will remain on site to provide Federal assistance and oversight throughout the duration of the remediation

#### **V ESTIMATED COSTS**

EPA - \$200